February 2011



McCormick's Creek State Park

Nature Center Hours: Thursday through Monday, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Holidays

Look for our program schedules on the web: http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm

Are you a leader for Scouts, a church group, schools, or home school? We can work with you to design a program to fit your goals and give your group quality nature experiences.

Contact the Nature Center to arrange a private program for your group (812-829-4344).

Don't miss the exhibits at the Nature Center! Experience the feel of a cave, see live reptiles and other wildlife, discover the unique geology of Indiana's first state park, and build scale models of shelter houses like those built by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Saturday February 5th

10:00-11:30 AM Animal Tracks Workshop. (\$2/person) Look at tracking patterns, make a tracks booklet, and take a short hike to discover what animals have been walking our woods. Nature Center. 2:00 PM Critter Feeding. See live turtles and snakes as we feed them lunch. Nature Center!

Sunday February 6th

Woodpecker Watch and Other Birds. See who comes to our bird feeding area! Nature Center observation room.

Create a Pine Cone Woodpecker Treat. Drop-in activity. Nature Center

Saturday February 12th

11:00 AM *Owls of McCormick's Creek*. February marks the nesting season for owls. Learn more about our owls, their sounds, and their nesting cycles. Nature Center.

Owl Pellet Activity. Find out how owls protect themselves from teeth, claws, and bones in their food, and find out what owls have been eating! Drop-in activity in the Nature Center exhibit room.

2:00 PM *Critter Feeding.* See live turtles and snakes as we feed them lunch. Meet at the Nature Center! **Sunday February 13**th

You're such a Deer – Examine antlers, pelts, tooth wear samples. Drop-in activity in the Nature Center exhibit room.

Saturday February 19th

11:00 AM *Birds and Animals Winter Walk-* Who's out and about in the winter? Bring warm clothes and winter boots to hike with a naturalist. Meet at the <u>Canyon Inn</u>.

2:00 PM *Critter Feeding.* See live turtles and snakes as we feed them lunch. Meet at the Nature Center! **Sunday February 20**th

1:00 PM Who's a Squirrel? Watch for squirrels in our wildlife feeding area, discuss various squirrelly rodents. Nature Center wildlife observation room.

Saturday February 26th

11:00 AM *Changes Hike.* Enjoy a general nature hike, see the Falls, and note early spring changes! Meet at Canyon Inn.

2:00 PM Critter Feeding. See live turtles and snakes as we feed them lunch. Meet at the Nature Center.

Sunday February 27th

Make "nature spotters" (children's craft). Drop-in activity, Nature Center.